

purposes of determining whether an appeal has been timely filed.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7105A(b))

(c) *Supplemental Statement of the Case.* Where a Supplemental Statement of the Case is furnished by the agency of original jurisdiction in a simultaneously contested claim, a period of 30 days from the date of mailing of the Supplemental Statement of the Case will be allowed for response, but the receipt of a Supplemental Statement of the Case will not extend the time allowed for filing a Substantive Appeal as set forth in paragraph (b) of this section. The date of mailing of the Supplemental Statement of the Case will be presumed to be the same as the date of the Supplemental Statement of the Case for purposes of determining whether a response has been timely filed. Provided a Substantive Appeal has been timely filed in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, the response to a Supplemental Statement of the Case is optional and is not required for the perfection of an appeal, unless the Supplemental Statement of the Case covers issues that were not included in the original Statement of the Case. If a Supplemental Statement of the Case covers issues that were not included in the original Statement of the Case, a Substantive Appeal must be filed with respect to those issues within 30 days of the date of mailing of the Supplemental Statement of the Case in order to perfect an appeal with respect to the additional issues.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7105(d)(3), 7105A(b))

§20.502 Rule 502. Time limit for response to notice of appeal by another contesting party in a simultaneously contested claim.

Notice of an appeal by another contesting party in a simultaneously contested claim is given by sending a copy of that party's Substantive Appeal to all other contesting parties. A period of 30 days from the date of mailing of the copy of the Substantive Appeal is allowed for filing a brief or argument in answer. The date of mailing of the copy will be presumed to be the same as the date of the letter which accompanies the copy.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7105A(b))

§20.503 Rule 503. Extension of time for filing a Substantive Appeal in simultaneously contested claims.

An extension of the 30-day period to file a Substantive Appeal in simultaneously contested claims may be granted if good cause is shown. In granting an extension, consideration will be given to the interests of the other parties involved. A request for such an extension must be in writing and must be made prior to expiration of the time limit for filing the Substantive Appeal.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7105A(b))

§20.504 Rule 504. Notices sent to last addresses of record in simultaneously contested claims.

Notices in simultaneously contested claims will be forwarded to the last address of record of the parties concerned and such action will constitute sufficient evidence of notice.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7105A(b))

§§ 20.505—20.599 [Reserved]

Subpart G—Representation

CROSS-REFERENCE: In cases involving access to medical records relating to drug abuse, alcoholism, alcohol abuse, sickle cell anemia, or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus, also see 38 U.S.C. 7332.

§20.600 Rule 600. Right to representation.

An appellant will be accorded full right to representation in all stages of an appeal by a recognized organization, attorney, agent, or other authorized person.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 5901–5905, 7105(a))

§20.601 Rule 601. Only one representative recognized.

A specific claim may be prosecuted at any one time by only one recognized organization, attorney, agent or other person properly designated to represent the appellant.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7105(b)(2))

§20.602 Rule 602. Representation by recognized organizations.

In order to designate a recognized organization as his or her representative,